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Response to arguments:

Arguments traversing the final rejection of 9/5/08 are not persuasive. The arguments center around the CWST, critical wetting surface tension, that the references cited do not describe this term. Relationship between the surface tension and contact angle is well known in the art. CWST is only a term coined by the applicant, which is the same as the surface tension or critical surface tension described in the references (see Gardella, for example).

The office action has linked the surface tension values with contact angles, and also has shown a prima facie case of inherency about the depth effect on surface tension through the bulk. Since applicant's process and the material are the same as that of the references, the depth effect also would be inherently the same, as is pointed out in the rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krishnan S. Menon whose telephone number is 571-272-1143. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

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